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SUBJECT: PRC/IRAQ: CHINA TO ATTEND STOCKHOLM ICI MEETING

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson.
Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

(C) PolOff delivered reftel points on participation at the Stockholm meeting of the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) to MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department UN Division Deputy Director Sun Xiaobo on May 6. Sun said China would send a "high-level" delegation to Stockholm, but could not confirm that Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi would lead. Sun did not provide details on what China plans to announce at the meeting to update on its efforts to support the ICI process and to deliver on past pledges. Sun said China continues to discuss debt relief with Iraq and reiterated the May 2007 pledge made by FM Yang that Chinese debt relief would be under Paris Club terms. Sun said China has also shown its support for Iraq by maintaining an Embassy with an Ambassador in Baghdad. PolOff urged China to work with the ICI Secretariat to identify areas of possible technical assistance and to consider supporting Iraqi reconstruction via the International Reconstruction Fund facility for Iraq (IRRFI).
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